

## **FARMER INFECTIOUS LARYNGOTRACHEITIS (ILT) ADVISORY**

### **United Counties of Leeds and Grenville**

**December 14, 2018**

On behalf of the four feather boards, the Feather Board Command Centre (FBCC) is issuing an ILT Biosecurity Advisory to all poultry farmers and small flock growers in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.

FBCC has been notified by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, that a small flock of 7 layer type birds has tested positive for Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT). Clinical signs first appeared in late November. The virus has been identified as a wild strain.

Please reinforce your biosecurity protocols including monitoring the movement of birds, people and equipment onto and off the farm in the interest of flock health.

Should you suspect any signs of health concerns in your flock, please contact your veterinarian as well as your Board. ILT is a serious contagious disease caused by a respiratory virus primarily in laying hens and chickens. Signs to look out for would include: increased mortality, noisy breathing, head-shaking, off feed, decreased egg production, inactivity, ruffled feathers and conjunctivitis.

Please advise any visitors to your premises of your biosecurity protocols because of this situation and keep a logbook of movement in relation to your farm. Minimize visits to other poultry production sites, avoid exchanging equipment with other poultry production sites or ensure that it is washed and disinfected. Ensure all personnel in contact with birds wear boots, protective clothing, head coverings and gloves/handwashing. Ensure control of vermin and wild birds.

Further biosecurity information for small flock growers is available at <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/diseases/bird-health-basics/eng/1323643634523/1323644740109>

We anticipate this advisory to remain in place until late January. A stand down advisory will be issued at that time. Any updates will be posted on [www.fbcc.ca](http://www.fbcc.ca)  
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